

The claims defining the invention are as follows:

1. A refrigerated cabinet comprising storage space, a cooling means and an isolation means, the storage space having a front opening through which access is gained to the space, the space including a zone subdivided into at least one
5 compartment, each compartment defined by a drawer, each drawer being moveable within the zone from a retracted position at which it is accommodated within the zone and an extended position at which it extends forwardly from the space, wherein when the drawer is in the retracted position the compartment is connected to the cooling means and when the drawer is in the extended position
10 the interior of the compartment is accessible from an upper portion of the drawer and the drawer is isolated from the cooling means, the isolation means being adapted to sealingly isolate the cooling means from the compartment when the drawer is not in the retracted position..
2. A refrigerated cabinet as claimed at claim 1 wherein a portion of the
15 compartment is associated with a closure, said closure being moveable between an open position and a closed position wherein when the drawer is in its retracted position the closure is moved to the opened position to provide said communication and when the drawer is in its extended position the closure is in its closed position.
- 20 3. A refrigerated cabinet as claimed at claim 1 or claim 2 wherein said remainder of the space includes a plenum formed between the walls of the space and the at least one compartment said communication being between the plenum and the at least one compartment.
- 25 4. A refrigerated cabinet as claimed at claim 3 wherein the closure comprises at least a portion of the rear wall of the drawer and the plenum is located between the rear wall of the drawer and the face of the rear walls of the at least one compartment.

5. A refrigerated cabinet as claimed at claim 3 or claim 4 wherein the plenum is defined by a wall of the space and an opposed wall, said opposed wall being provided with a set of closures, each compartment being associated with at least one closure, each closure being moveable between a closed position and an open position wherein when a drawer is in the retracted position it cooperates with the at least one respective closure to move the closure to the open position to provide said communication and when a drawer is moved from the retracted position the respective at least one closure is closed to prevent said communication.
- 10 6. A refrigerated cabinet as claimed at any one of the previous claims wherein at least a portion of the upper face of the compartment is open.
7. A refrigerated cabinet as claimed at any one of the previous claims wherein the portion of the upper face communicates with the source when the drawer is in the retracted position.
- 15 8. A refrigerated cabinet as claimed at any one of the previous claims wherein the front opening of the at least one compartment sealingly cooperates with the front opening when the drawer is in the retracted position.
9. A refrigerated cabinet as claimed at any one of the previous claims wherein a plurality compartments are accommodated within the zone.
- 20 10. A refrigerated cabinet as claimed at any one of the previous claims wherein the compartments are supported in a vertical array.
11. A refrigerated cabinet as claimed at any one of the previous claims wherein the front opening is associated with a door which controls said access.
12. A refrigerated cabinet as claimed at claim 11 wherein the door accommodates one or more storage zones, the space defined between the door and front opening communicating with the remainder of the space.
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13. A refrigerated cabinet as claimed at claim 12 wherein the storage zones are closed by a closure which is capable of being opened wherein the interior of the storage zones communicate with the remainder of the space.

14. A refrigerated cabinet as claimed at claim 13 wherein the communication
5 between the remainder of the space and the space defined between the door and front opening and/or storage zones is through passageways provided in the door.

15. A refrigerated cabinet as claimed at claim 1 wherein the isolation means is associated with the cooling means.

16. A refrigerated cabinet as claimed at claim 1 wherein the isolation means is
10 associated with the compartment.

17. A refrigerated cabinet as claimed at claim 15 wherein the cooling means comprises a duct element adapted to convey chilled air and the isolation means comprises a valve associated with said duct element, and the drawer comprises a means operative to open said valve when the drawer is in the retracted position
15 and the valve comprises means to close said valve when the drawer is not in the retracted position.

18. A refrigeration system comprising a plurality of refrigerated cabinets as claimed in any one of the previous claims wherein the cooling means is provided to each refrigerated cabinet from a common cooling source.

20 19. A refrigerated cabinet substantially as herein described.

20. A refrigerated cabinet substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

21. A refrigeration system substantially as herein described.